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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Basil Katcheves

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 7/21/03 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,246,731 to Miro.

Regarding claim 1, Miro discloses a tenon-snap joint structure (figs. 1 & 2) for mounting a glass panel (fig. 1: 30). Miro also discloses a ring like rib plate (fig. 2: 11a) which has, on its outer surface, several protruding male tenon-snap (fig. 2:12) and female tenon-snap (fig. 2: 22) pieces. Miro also discloses that when establishing a longitudinal line (fig. 1: 4), the male/female snap pieces are aligned on the left and right sides of the longitudinal line (fig. 1: see snap pieces on top left and right). Miro also discloses that when establishing a horizontal line (fig. 1: 5), the male/female snap pieces are offset from the horizontal line a distance (fig. 1: see distance from horizontal center of glass to snap pieces).

Regarding claim 2, Miro discloses the male snap piece as having at least a pair of snap ribs (fig. 2: 12c) which have an upper end extending outwardly (fig. 2: see peaks of ribs 12c) and a protruding snap catch (fig. 2: see engaging front nose portion of 12b). Miro also discloses the female snap piece (fig. 2: 22) as having a pair of female snap ribs (fig. 2: 22b & 22c) which form a slot (fig. 2: see area between 22b & 22c) having a recess to engage the male protruded snap catch.

Regarding claim 3, Miro discloses two identical glass mounting frames (fig. 2: 11b & 21b and fig. 1: 19 & 29) joined as a complete unit (fig. 1: 20) by having each male/female snap piece joined to its respective male/female snap piece of the other glass panel mounting frame.

Regarding claim 4, Miro discloses one of the two frame pieces (fig. 1: 19 & 29) as being capable of rotating one frame, once separated from the other, 180 degrees and turned over and stacked upon another frame half with the rib plates (fig. 2: 11a & 21a) touching each other.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The cited patents listed on the included form PTO-892 further show the state of the art with respect to window frames in general.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Basil Katcheves whose telephone number is

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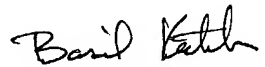
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(703) 306-0232. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman, can be reached at (703) 308-0832.

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